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SUBJECT: RHODESIA: EC SAYS IT IS ADDRESSING REMOVAL OF
RACE DISCRIMINATION

1. PRESS ACCOUNTS STATE THAT SITHOLE, CURRENT CHAIRMAN OF
THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, ANNOUNCED ON JUNE 6 THAT THE EC IS
GIVING "SERIOUS CONSIDERATION TO ALL ASPECTS OF RACIAL
DISCRIMINATION WITH A VEW TO PREPARING A COMPREHENSIVE AND
PRACTICAL PROGRAM FOR THE REMOVAL OF DISCRIMINATORY
LEGISLATION AND ADMINISTRATION PRACTICES."

2. COMMENT: THIS IS THE FIRST PUBLIC COMMITMENT BY THE
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TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT-SINCE THE SIGNING OF THE MARCH 3
ACCORD ITSELF-TO GET ON WITH THE JOB OR REMOVING
RACE DISCRIMINATION. NOT ONLY WAS THIS ISSUE ONE THAT
WAS HIGHLIGHTED IN THE INTERNAL AGREEMENT BUT EACH OF
THE BLACK LEADERS HAS PUBLICLY PLEDGED HIMSELF TO
ITS ACCOMPLISHMENT. EVEN SO, THIS IS ONE AREA WHERE
NO APPARENT MOVEMENT HAS BEEN MADE BY THE TRANSITIONAL

GOVERNMENT AND THIS FACT HAS SPAWNED SOME OF THE MOST
POINTED CRITICISM OF ITS PERFORMANCE. PROGRESS IN THE
DIRECTION OF REMOVAL OF RACE DISCRIMINATION WOULD GAIN
POINTS FOR THE INTERNAL SETTLEMENT AMONGST MODERATE
OBSERVERS NOW DISILLUSIONED BY THIS LACK OF PERFORMANCE.
THE OBVIOUS QUESTION, HOWEVER, WILL BE WHAT ACTUAL PRIORITY
THE EC IS GIVING TO THIS MATTER, ONE OF THE
EASIEST AND LEAST CONTROVERSIAL PROBLEMS FACING THEM.
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